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//((("ROUND-UP: TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE MAKES HEADWAY OVER PAST FIVE YEARS" -- XINHUA HEADLINE))

((TEXT)) BEIJING, JANUARY 1 (XINHUA) -- OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS RESEARCH AND CLINICAL APPLICATION OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE HAVE SEEN A "GOLDEN AGE" OF PROGRESS.

SOURCES AT THE STATE ADMINISTRATION OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE TOLD XINHUA HERE TODAY THAT THE TASKS SET FOR WORKERS IN THIS FIELD DURING THE SEVENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD (1986-1990) HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

INSTITUTES OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE, NUMBERING 170 NATIONWIDE, HAVE ACHIEVED PROGRESS IN STUDYING AND CURING VARIOUS TYPES OF DISEASES, ESPECIALLY ANGIOPATHY, MALIGNANT TUMORS AND BURNS.

SINCE 1986 THE TREATMENT OF MALARIA BY ACUPUNCTURE ANESTHESIA, AS WELL AS ACUPUNCTURE AND MOXIBUSTION, BONESETTING, AND MASSAGING HAVE ALL MADE RAPID PROGRESS AND EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO TREAT AIDS WITH TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE.

BY THE END OF 1990 THERE WERE 2,170 HOSPITALS OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE, OF WHICH 1,456 ARE AT COUNTY LEVEL. THERE IS A HOSPITAL OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN EVERY COUNTY IN 20 OF CHINA'S PROVINCES AND MUNICIPALITIES, THE SOURCES SAID.

THERE ARE 196,000 BEDS IN THESE HOSPITALS, 66,000 MORE THAN THERE WERE IN 1985. THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN CHINA IS 560,000 AT PRESENT, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES.

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE, AND DURING THE SEVENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD A TOTAL OF 24,000 STUDENTS GRADUATED.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE TRADE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IS 460,000 ACROSS THE COUNTRY. FROM 1986 TO 1990 THE TOTAL EXPORT VALUE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINES REACHED 1.3 BILLION U.S. DOLLARS-WORTH. IN 1990 THE OUTPUT OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE WAS 190,000 TONS, VALUED AT 5.1 BILLION YUAN, THE SOURCES ADDED.

MEANWHILE, A NATIONWIDE INVESTIGATION OF SOURCES OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINAL INGREDIENTS WAS COMPLETED DURING THE SEVENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE POPULARITY OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE AND ACUPUNCTURE AND MOXIBUSTION TREATMENTS HAS BEEN INCREASING WORLDWIDE. CHINA HAS ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH MORE THAN 130 COUNTRIES AND REGIONS FOR ACADEMIC AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. AND A GROUP OF FOREIGN SPECIALISTS IN THIS FIELD HAS BEEN TRAINED IN CHINA.

THE WORK OF SEVEN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE CO-OPERATION CENTERS SPONSORED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IN CHINA HAS BEEN REMARKABLE IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. IN ADDITION, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WORLD ACUPUNCTURE AND MOXIBUSTION FEDERATION AND THE WORLD MEDICAL QIGONG SOCIETY WERE ESTABLISHED IN CHINA DURING THIS PERIOD.

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